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CHARACTERISTICS  
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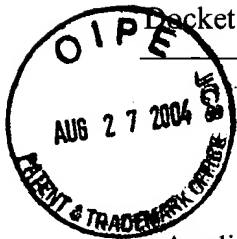
Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) an Information Disclosure Statement;
- (X) a PTO Form 1449 with five (5) references; and
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing five (5) references that are also enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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